



Church Announcements for the week of February 20th:



This Week's Service: This Sunday, Pastor Joel continues his "Church and the World Series", with part 5 "Temple". Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Neighbour to**

Neighbour. The offering baskets will be located on the righthand side of the lobby as you exit the sanctuary and you can contribute before you leave on Sunday morning. Our music will be provided by the Mount Hope Praise Team.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org, or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "YouTube" icon on the main page. Those who watch on DVD will continue to receive their copy following the service.

Order of Worship:

Welcome / Memory Work **1 John 3: 16-18** - Pastor Joel

Call to Worship

*Song: **Lord Most High** - LUYH #593

Time of Confession

Song: **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God** - LUYH #746

(children and teachers dismissed for children's ministry)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture – **Matthew 21:12-17** (Church and the World, pt. 5)

Sermon – "Temple"

*Song: **Build Your Kingdom Here**

Congregational Prayer

*Sending and Benediction

*Song: **Shout to the Lord** - LUYH #603

* means to stand if you are able.

Church Family:

We congratulate **Justin Knevel** who celebrates his birthday this week on **February 23rd**. We pray he will have a blessed day!

About this morning's offering

Who We Are and What We Do - Neighbour to Neighbour

For 35 years, a team of dedicated staff and volunteers at Neighbour to Neighbour Centre have been helping to improve our neighbourhood and meeting the issue of food insecurity head on. What started as a tiny food bank has evolved into an indispensable part of this community's social fabric. Neighbour to Neighbour works to improve the quality of life in our community by offering access to tutoring programs for children, community kitchen programs, utility subsidy programs, family counselling, emergency food access and a host of other interventions. Neighbour to Neighbour is empowering people with the tools and ideas that will help change their lives.

Church Duties:

Please arrange your own replacements if you are **unable** to do one of your duties. Kindly inform the church office of the change. Thank you.

Sunday, February 20

AV Desk - Jack Demik / Justin Knevel / Josh Knevel

Nursery - Sandi Buwalda / Seth Vreugdenhil

Library - Sandi Buwalda
Children's Ministry - Shae Knevel
Registration Desk - Eileen Nagtegaal
Usher - Shae Knevel
Music - Mt. Hope Praise Team
Welcome – Pastor Joel Bootsma
Open/Close - Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal

Sunday, February 27

AV Desk - Henk Van Tuyl / Frank Buwalda
Nursery - Christina Demik / Trish Demik
Library - Marlene Knevel
Children's Ministry - Shae Knevel
Registration Desk - Rita Van Tuyl
Usher - Josh Knevel
Music - John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch
Welcome - Paul Vreugdenhil
Open/Close - Henk & Rita Van Tuyl

Sunday, March 6 (First Sunday of Lent)

AV Desk - Henk Van Tuyl / Frank Buwalda
Nursery - Maegan Demik / Cole Vreugdenhil
Library - Trish Demik
Children's Ministry - Trish Demik
Registration Desk - Marlene Knevel
Usher - Mark Demik
Music - New Roots
Welcome - Neil Roth
Congregational Prayer - Mark Demik
Open/Close - Marlene Knevel

Church Calendar for the week:

Sunday, February 20

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Joel Bootsma
After Church - Prayer Walk
Music by: Mt. Hope Praise Team
Offerings: Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour
7:00 p.m. - SWAG - Youth Group

Monday, February 21

Family Day - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Classis Meeting at Meadowlands CRC
Church Reps: Mark Demik / Alex Demik

Thursday, February 24

Noon - Bulletin announcements / church registration due

Saturday, February 26

2:30 p.m. - Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Sunday, February 27

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Joel Bootsma
Music by: John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch
Offerings: Budget & Living Rock Ministry
7:00 p.m. - SWAG - Youth Group

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Feb 20 - Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour

Feb 27 - Budget & Living Rock Ministry

Mar 6 - Budget & Canadian Food Grains Bank (World Renew)

Mar 13 - Budget & Benevolence

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Church Announcements:

From Council: As of **Sunday March 6, 2022** the following changes will be made:

1. As Covid restrictions are slowly being lifted, we will no longer be assigning seats for Sunday services. You will, however, still need to **register** and **face masks** are still required.
2. Church announcements will no longer be emailed, but are available at church. You can read the entire bulletin on the Church's website using this link: [Bulletins – Mount Hope Community CRC](#). (Username: MOUNTCRC; Password: mhccrc)

From the Prayer Ministry: In the month of February many celebrate Valentine's Day, where words of love as well as gifts are exchanged. The world has many ideas as to what love is. God tells us, in his holy word, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ

laid down His life for us." he laid down his life for all of humanity. We too are to love each other unconditionally and sacrificially. Our memory work for this month will be 1 John 3:16-18. **¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18**

PRAYER WALK SUNDAY! Today following the church service, we will have our monthly Prayer Walk in the community of Mt. Hope. Although this is a Community Outreach Team initiative, we encourage that any member of the congregation join us. Maps are handed out before the service and we will meet with Pastor Joel in the Council room immediately after church to pray before we begin our walk. We hope that you can join us!

Coldest Night of the Year: ONLY ONE MORE WEEK UNTIL WE WALK FOR THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR! Please consider donating to this worthy cause. You can use the link below to directly go to our church's CNOY page. You can sponsor the team as a whole, or you can click on the individual walker's names and sponsor them. All money raised is being donated to N2N Center on Athens Street. Questions? Please speak to John Demik our Team Captain. Thank you!

To donate: search for "Coldest Night of the Year" website, click on the donate button on the bottom right corner, and search our team name, "**Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church**".

New Song to Learn: We hope to learn a new song over the next few weeks called "**Jesus Put This Song into our Hearts**" and we would like you to become familiar with it first. Below is the link to a video of this song. Please take the time if you are able, to listen to it and familiarize yourself with it. Thank you so much <https://youtu.be/qCYdLA8qR5c>

Attention Congregation: North of 60 Seniors group is looking for a representative (or 2) from Mount Hope CCRC. It is not a lot of work, Just someone from Mt Hope we could connect with off and on.to let everyone know what's planned. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Bulthuis at **905 389 2012** or jerrybul@nas.net

Church Registration:

Registration **will be open** for the service next **Sunday, February 27th**, on **Monday, February 21st**. We would need to hear from you by **Thursday, February 24th, noon**, if you are attending. If you **do not** have any computer access, please call **Marlene** to book your seats at the church office **(289) 759-3076**. Please also let us know at the same time if you will be requiring use of the Wellingstone Shuttle bus. **Thank you!**

Community Announcements:

Calvin Christian School Winter Auction

<http://ccshamilton.ca/winterauction>

We still can't quite gather in person so our Winter auction will be online opening on February 22 but this year, we are changing it up a little bit. We are having a closing Auction Watch Party on February 26. Each of our items will close at a different time instead of all at once. We invite you to gather with some friends and join us online starting at 6:30. As you watch the items close and try to outbid others, our goal is to have some fun, fellowship and raise money for Calvin Christian School

- You can visit our auction website at <https://onlinefundraiser.events/CCSWinterAuction2022> now and register as a bidder. You will need to be registered as a bidder in order to participate in the auction. It is very simple.
- Go to the website and click 'register' on the menu bar

- Fill in the necessary information and click 'continue to review registration'
- Select the box to agree to the Terms of Service and then click 'complete registration'

CRC Bulletin Announcements:

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 58:9-10 and ponder or discuss the following questions. A yoke is a type of harness used with a team of animals, typically oxen. Usually made of wood and iron, it's heavy and rigid, and it restricts the animals' freedom to move. In the Bible the word "yoke" is used to describe being bound to something or someone, for better or for worse. With this in mind, how would you describe "the yoke of oppression"? How might your church, or another group of which you're a part, begin to meet the needs of the oppressed and "do away with the yoke of oppression"? What practical steps might you take? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

ReFrame Ministries

Be Quick to Listen - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Listening is a skill and it takes practice to become a good listener. What makes someone a good listener? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: A Wise Perspective on Work - Much of our adult life revolves around work: work for our jobs, work on our houses and for our families, and work for the Lord. Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 4:4-8, 5:10-15, 9:7-10 to listen to the Teacher's wisdom on what makes our work meaningful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Other

Community Support Worker Job Opportunity - The Lighthouse Christian Social Services (The Lighthouse) is searching for a Community Support Worker. The Community Support Worker will assist and empower Lighthouse clients as they navigate multiple stresses that affect overall well-being. Please email your cover letter and resume by February 25th, 2022 to info@lighthousecentre.ca. Learn more about the position at www.lighthousecentre.ca. Any questions call 416-535-6262.

Online Bible Study - Building God's Church Together - "Building God's Church Together" is an online Bible study that explores God's vision for men and women serving the church together. It involves 7 self-guided sessions and 5 scheduled virtual discussion groups every Wednesday during Lent (March 9-April 6) to cultivate deeper understanding. This series will be hosted by Rev. Elaine May and Rev. Liz Testa. Register now: tinyurl.com/BGCTstudy

Race Relations

Free Learning Webinar Event - February 22 - You're invited to a virtual learning event hosted by the CRCs Office of Race Relations on February 22 at 12:00pm (EST). The topic is "Black & Reformed: Generational Journeys in the CRC." In this panel discussion, we want to amplify and celebrate the voices of African American Pastors and leaders in the CRC. Get more information at crcna.org/Race/Events

Office of Social Justice

Lent Challenge - Join the Climate Witness Project for a Lent Challenge! Each week focus on one area of action along with a reflection. We want to live out our faith by investing in the flourishing of God's creation - join us on the journey! crcna.org/climate-witness-project/energy-stewardship/lent-creation-challenge